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Division of Facilities Construction & Management



One only needs to take a short drive through Salt Lake City or any one of the cities that are hosting Olympic venues to sense that we're in for something big, really big. I think everyone by now knows I have the opportunity of assisting in the Olympic games as an Olympic Family Hotel Transportation Volunteer.

My training has consisted of many rah-rah rally cheers guided by kazoos and a demonstrative CHARGE! What is our mission? "To be the very best games work force ever!" We're C-ommitted, H-elpful, A-daptive, R-espectful, G-racious and we're going to E-njoy. Yes! Right On! Amen! I repeat these things with the greatest respect and duty because I truly want to complete and repeat the duties that I have been assigned to make these games the very best games ever!

As I work beside other volunteers from all over the state and all walks of life, such as housewives, engineers, mechanics, secretaries, and business executives who share these same commitments, I've gained a deepened amount of respect for them. They are, as I am, proud to do whatever is necessary to assure our duties are completed on time and with respect to our objectives and to each other. It's not a coincidence that this organization's (SLOC's) success, like all other successful team-oriented organizations, rally toward simple objectives and mission statements that are easily grasped by everyone and understood thoroughly from the top to the bottom.

Team-oriented organization fails when these basic fibers break down and when the team loses sight of the elements that knit the human assets of an organization together. In this case, our objectives are to be committed to be at our assigned tasks at

the appointed time, to be helpful, respectful, and gracious to those we host and each other, and to be adaptive when circumstances aren't what was planned for and expected, and to have fun and enjoy our experiences.

Venue, job, service, and event training have been the words of the day as far as preparation and training have gone for the past several weeks. I am assigned to transportation, so venue training for me has been associated with driving designated routes to and from the various venues. These routes are designed with the full intent of keeping some 6,000 plus Olympic vehicles from becoming a part of the congestion that will be experienced at all venue sites. For example, from the main motor pool, which is located next to the Little America Hotel on Sixth South and Main Street, Olympic drivers are instructed to take 800 South east to Foothill Drive, north on Foothill Drive to Wasatch Drive, northeast on Wasatch Drive to the Olympic Village, (The Old Fort Douglas Officer's Quarters) and the upper University of Utah Campus. Once drivers arrive at the Village their vehicles are subject to a thorough vehicle security screening and are allowed to load or unload passengers only after security clearance has been given.

As would be expected, planners and organizers have gone to great lengths to ensure security at the Salt Lake City International Airport, each competition venue, the Olympic Village, where the athletes will be housed, and the Olympic Family Hotel, where Olympic officials from all over the world will be staying. At these locations security is tight, very tight. Vehicles dispatched to transport athletes, Olympic officials, Games officials and SLOC authorities, are subject to a vehicle security screening before departing. When unloading the passengers to return to the Hotel, Village, or other place of departure, the occupants are

required to pass the "Mag and Bag" security test. Mag and Bag is a security procedure that requires individuals to walk through a scanning device, much like the airport, and have their bags and carried items searched by security personnel. Only when they have completed this procedure will they be allowed back to their point of origin. If the guests are staying at the Olympic Family Hotel, this procedure would apply before they would be allowed back into the Hotel complex and their living quarters.

I am convinced, given my training experience and my personal observations, that the extent the organizers have gone through to assure the safety of the Olympic athletes, officials, and the public has been great and substantial. By all my observations, SLOC has endeavored and worked hard to make the 2002 Olympic Winter Games a successful, safe, and enjoyable event. They should be commended for all the hard work and planning that has gone into this effort these many years.

DFCM as an agency has contributed to the success of the Olympics by overseeing the construction of the Olympic facilities and should be commended for these efforts. In many ways each of you, DFCM staff, have contributed, some a little, some a lot, in what I believe will be an impressive world-class show. From what I have seen, we will be proud. Proud as a State, proud as cities, and proud of our Division!

Article



~Liz Sisneros~

After doing a fantastic job for DFCM for over 20 years, Liz Sisneros is retiring on February 28. She has worked for the accounting section for all of that time, processing thousands of payments to contractors, architects, engineers, and many other vendors, as well as performing various other accounting duties. Her greatest asset is the customer service skills that she gives to her job. She is always honest with her many customers and finds them the information they are after. She is a straight talker.

Liz will be missed by all that have worked with her. As Dave McKay states; she has been like a mother to me, helping me keep on top of things and giving direction whenever needed. Doug Fullmer has volunteered to spon-

sor a Legislative bill to keep Liz at DFCM for many more years.

Liz has helped me grow personally and professionally over her tenure here. I will miss our talks, when she counsels me on everything from whom to hire to why Utah will always beat BYU, regardless of the final score. Liz hasn't always had an easy life, but she has always fought through and come back even stronger. Nothing means more to her than her family.

It's amazing how fast 20 years go by. Right now Liz is counting the days to when she can sleep in a little, and do whatever she wants with her time. She is making sure that her husband Joe, stays working for a few more years so he doesn't interfere with her plans. Liz, I will always remember what a "paper" Pepsi is. Good

luck in your retirement, I hope that it will last for many, many years. You deserve only the best in your retirement years.

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Thanks Dave*

Congratulations Liz!

We appreciate all of your great contributions that you have made to DFCM. You will truly be missed.

~Please join us in honoring Liz at a retirement party to be held on February 28, 2002 in room 4112, State Office Building from 1:00 to 3:00.



Congratulations to Vic Middleton for guessing the spotlight from last month's newsletter. The Guess Who spotlight form January was Bonita Jones!!

Guess Who??

Hobbies: Gardening
Hero: John F. Kennedy
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Food: Mexican/Italian
Favorite Song: Any John Denver Music
Favorite Movie: Spanky & Our Gang
Favorite Team: New York Yankees
Favorite Sport: Football
Least Favorite Food: Raw Fish
Favorite TV Show: MASH
Favorite Actor: Robert Redford
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Notable Achievement: Staying out of jail.

Good Things Come In Threes

DFCM recently completed three very different projects on time and on budget. But even more important, is that all three projects serve to improve the important mission of the agencies involved.

The three projects are: OWATC Maintenance Building, University of Utah Cowles Building Renovation and Addition, and The addition to the Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Each project had very specific requirements to enhance the mission of the agencies and each was a unique delivery method.

The OWATC Maintenance Building was



a Value Based, design/build project. The project consisted of several pieces: 1.) Design and build a new maintenance facility. 2.) Design and renovate an existing facility at the Ogden Defense Depot. 3.) Demolish the existing maintenance Facility including a 110 foot chimney.

During the removal of hazardous materials from the Defense Depot facility, there was a fire and 88,000 square feet of building was lost. It was decided to remove that portion of work from the project.

Gramoll Construction was the successful contractor. Mr. Troy North was the superintendent for the contractor. NJR Architects, ECE electrical engineers, Tanner Smith structural engineers, and Heath mechanical engineering comprised the A/E team.

While rough grading and utility extensions were being done, the contract documents were completed and coordinated with DFCM and the OWATC. The project broke ground on March 20, 2001 and was completed on November 14, 2001

Mr. John Dennis, Ogden Weber ATC Facilities Manager states "What a wonderful experience we've had with the construction of our, badly needed, new Maintenance Building Complex. I can't say enough for the Value Based selection process, and design/build program. We experienced true teamwork with DFCM, Gramoll Con-

struction, and their team members, NJR Architects, SPE engineers, Encompass Mechanical and all the rest. They were all excellent to work with. Now, because of the team effort, we have a Maintenance Complex, that is beautiful, and very functional. Through the great team effort, the construction was completed on time, on budget, with only one change order during the entire project. Our hats are off to DFCM, Gramoll Construction and all the support team members. Thank you for a job well done."

The Cowles Building at the University of



Utah was the recipe for disaster. First of all, it was a renovation of a one hundred-year-old structure. Secondly it must be planned to accommodate a future Math Center between it and the

one hundred-year-old Widtsoe Building. And thirdly it was a low bid project. This was the first of the three projects, the largest and the most challenging.

Gramoll Construction was the successful bidder with Mr. John Thompson as superintendent. John is an extremely competent and a thorough individual with the ability to foresee problems in advance. He continually foresaw situations and prevented them from becoming problems.

During the last portion of design, a donor was found for the Math Center and it was incorporated into the project. This made it a \$9,514,000 project. The design team was FFKR Architects, Reavely Structural Engineers, BNA Electrical Engineers, and Bennion Mechanical Engineers. The project was a complete gutting of the existing building and a seismic retrofit.

Mehrdad Samie, Architect, was involved through the entire process. The contractor stated "The close attention and quick responses by Mehrdad Samie of FFKR to questions and concerns has allowed the project to proceed smoothly without significant delays or additional costs".

The Math Department once again occupies the building. It contains classrooms and offices, which link to the new Math Center

and enhances the mission of the department. Mr. Jim Carlson, Chair of the department stated "The remodel of the historic Cowles Building and construction of the adjoining undergraduate student Math Center is something the Mathematics Department has worked and waited for over twenty-five years. The two buildings together, with over eight classrooms and superb student study space will make an enormous contribution to the ability of the University of Utah to educate its students. The facilities include two student computer labs and one electronic classroom-lab. The project is remarkable in two other ways. First, is the esthetics, the result of resources made possible through the public-private partnership of state funding combined with a major gift from the George S. and Dores Doré Eccles Foundation, and by the visionary architecture provided by FFKR and the design of architect Louis Ulrich. Second is the superb working relationship of all the parties involved --- the University of Utah including Campus Design and Tom Christensen, DFCM, the architects of FFKR, especially Mehrdad Samie during the long construction phase of the project, and the contractor, Gramoll Construction. Special thanks are due to Jim Gramoll and John Thompson, the foreman for the job. The project came in under budget, with no frayed nerves, and with no compromise on quality. I would like to thank all involved. It was a great experience, one of the best of my working life, and the result is a tribute to what we can accomplish when we all work to one end."

The 3rd project was an addition to the Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



It was a Value Based Selection. The addition contains classrooms, offices and a small auditorium. The clients are the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. These

two clients have some very different requirements for the spaces to function for them. The architect, Burtch Beall and Associates, with his consultants Ed Allen Structural Engineers, BNA Electrical

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Engineers and Bennion Mechanical Engineers went to great detail to see that the spaces would function for both clients.

The contractor, Pentalon Construction, got off to a rocky start with a feeble footing and foundation subcontractor. They made the necessary corrections and got the project on track. Mr. Shay Johansen and Mr. Brent Meadows lead the project for Pentalon Construction. The Project was begun on May 14, 2001 and substantially completed on December 14, 2001.

During completion of the auditorium some of the curved gypsum board application was not to our satisfaction. The architect reviewed the specified system and came to the conclusion that the product was within tolerances. However, Mr. Johansen and Mr. Meadows aggressively pursued improving the application. They worked with the subcontractor to come back in and rework the application. This required re-scaffolding and repainting. The finished product is an asset to the project.

Mike Wollenzien of USOR noted that "Specific design took place to provide state of the art acoustics and assistive

technology to deaf and hard of hearing citizens. Early feedback has demonstrated goal was accomplished through the hard work and collaboration between agencies, architect and contractor."

An open house is scheduled for March 8, 2002.

These were three great projects with three high performance teams focused on completing quality projects successfully.

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Valentine's Word Search



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Chocolate
Hearts
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Love
Arrows
Kisses
Hugs
Roses
Flowers
Red
Sweet
Cards

~For your information

Division Updates



Have A Happy Valentines Day!



Welcome:

We would like to welcome James Flesher to our Division. He is our new Accounting Tech in 4110 who will be replacing Liz Sisneros. Good Luck in your new position.

Reminder:

First Quarter Division Meeting will be held on March 21, 2002 from

1:00 until 3:00 at the Zions Building at the Utah State Fairpark.

Don't pass up a chance to acknowledge your co-workers, nominate them for an Incentive Award. Nominations need to be turned in to a committee member by March 7th.

Incentive Committee Members: Kent Beers, Nikki Wolcott, Ricy Jones, Shannon Lofgreen, Bob Anderson, Debi Tripp, Nick Radulovich, Mathias Mueller.



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